

GOP Budget Cuts Dominate Talks with Local Officials

Earlier this month, Congresswoman McCollum met with elected leaders from Ramsey County, Dakota County, and the St. Paul City Council to discuss the potential impact on Minnesota of [proposed federal budget cuts proposed by House Republicans](#).

Last month, the Republican Study Committee proposed drastic reductions to the federal budget, which include slashing funding for essential housing, transportation, arts, energy, and the environmental programs. This week Republicans are proposing to cut \$100 billion from domestic discretionary fiscal year 2011 funding for law enforcement, education, housing, the environment, transportation, public broadcasting, science, and a long list of other investments in America. Congresswoman McCollum raised concern about hundreds of thousands of lost jobs, diminished public services, and an undermining of competitiveness of the U.S. economy.

Proposed Republican budget cuts include repealing federal financial support of state Medicaid programs. Approximately 600,000 low-income [Minnesotans rely on Medical Assistance \(MA\) - the state's Medicaid program.](#)

Participants include children, families, people over the age of 65, and the disabled. Eliminating federal support of the Medical Assistance program will certainly put participants' well-being at risk.

Congresswoman McCollum and Minnesota State Representatives Host Town Hall

Congresswoman McCollum joined State Representative Leon Lillie (DFL-District 55A), State Representative Nora Slawik (DFL-District 55B), and State Senator Chuck Wiger (DFL-District 55) hosted a [public town hall meeting](#) at Maplewood City Hall. Representatives gave an update on current state and local issues affecting Minnesotans, and they took questions about policy actions in both Washington and St. Paul.



[and Rep. Charles W. Stenholm, Jr. \(R-OK\) will be speaking at the event. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Oklahoma State Office of the U.S. House of Representatives at \(405\) 525-6000 or visit our website at \[http://www.house.gov/mccollum\]\(#\).](#)